

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, July 9th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met Thursday in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith, in the chair; Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Skinner, Browne, Moore, Cowan, Boyd, Labatt, Stringer and A. S. Abbott, City Clerk.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Geo. F. Morris and eleven others—Asking that the roof of the Covent Garden Market be repaired. No. Two.

Geo. Pritchard—Asking correction of an error in assessment. No. One.

Mr. D. Fraser—Complaining that cattle run at large in the northeastern part of the city, and asking that steps be taken to enforce the by-law for the protection of the property of ratepayers. Laid over till report of No. Two was read.

F. Love—On behalf of C. N. Nelles, threatening legal proceedings unless the corporation make a favorable settlement for hack destroyed and horses damaged in consequence of the alleged misplacement of a fire alarm telegraph wire.

F. H. Marsh—An account of supplies, \$1.76. No. Three.

Geo. McFadden and sixteen others—Petition that a street lamp on Grey street, in front of B. M. E. Church, be moved out in line with new sidewalk. No. Three.

Mrs. Campbell, a widow—Asking extension of time for paying taxes. No. One.

J. Ferguson—A letter in reference to income tax. No. One.

Jas. Byle—Claiming \$5 from the corporation on account of eight tree guards destroyed by one Thos. Lee and others in the employ of the said corporation. No. Two.

Thos. R. Parker and twelve others—Asking that a proposed new sidewalk be put down near the outer row of trees. No. Two.

John Bayly—Claiming \$8 compensation for tree-guards destroyed. No. Two.

E. H. Hayne, Alex. Hotson and Louis N. Hayne—A petition asking for the construction of a drain on St. James' street, between George and Talbot. Number Two, with power.

Mrs. Hyde—Asking an extension of time for payment of taxes. No. One.

Ed. Winder—Asking to be relieved of paying sewer tax on Hill street. No. One.

W. T. Williams, Chief of Police—Stating that since the estimates had been forwarded to the chairman of Finance, circumstances had rendered it necessary to appoint two special constables, and he requested that the sum of \$250 extra be added to the estimated amount. This makes the total \$15,236. One.

A. Clegghorn and others—A petition in reference to a sidewalk. Laid over for the report of No. Two Committee.

DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES.

A statement furnished by the Chief of Police, under instructions from the Board of Police Commissioners, showed that the estimated cost of the police for the current year as passed at a recent meeting of the Board would be: Salaries, \$13,627.50; clothing, equipment, cleaning and housing building and sundries, \$1,359. Total, \$14,986.50. Of this amount \$6,326.52 have been expended up to date (June 26).

Separate School Board—Estimate of expenditure for the year: For paying salaries teachers, assistants, and monitors, \$1,950; Inspector, Secy.-Treas., caretaker, and other salaries, \$304; repairs, fuel, etc., \$256; maps and apparatus, \$40; other expenses, \$5. Total, \$2,600.

A. S. Abbott, Secretary Board of Education, furnished a statement of estimates required for the year: Amount required for Public Schools, \$31,350.15; for Collegiate Institute, \$7,102.10; total \$38,452.25.

A DEPUTATION.

A deputation from the Board of Education was heard, on behalf of their application for the amount named in the estimate. The absolute necessity for a new and more commodious school building in the southeastern part of the city was pointed out by Messrs. Kingston, chairman; Christie, Bayly and J. B. Boyle, Inspector. It was shown that the estimates of this year would compare favorably with those of previous years.

Ald. Hyman moved, and Ald. Labatt seconded, that \$7,500 for the purpose of erecting a new school in the southeastern part of the city be placed to the credit of the Board of Education. Carried.

A PERSONAL APPLICATION.

Miss T. Eddie appeared before the Board, asking that she be allowed time for the payment of her taxes. Referred to No. One.

THE FIREMEN'S FETE.

John A. Roe, Chief of the Fire Department and Secretary of the Demonstration Committee—Asking a guarantee grant of \$200 from the Council to assist in defraying necessary expenses, but only to be claimed by the committee in the event of the receipts falling short of the expenses. He argued that the demonstration would be a great benefit, financially and otherwise, to the city. He also asked the use and control of the Exhibition grounds and buildings on the dates of the demonstration, viz: 28th and 29th of August, and permission to close the gates and charge an entrance fee.

Chief Roe addressed the Board on behalf of his application.

Ald. Cowan moved and Ald. O'Meara seconded, that the rule of order be suspended, that \$200 be guaranteed on behalf of the Firemen's tournament, with a proviso that should that sum or any portion of same not be required to make up a deficiency, that it be not granted.

Carried, with the understanding that No. Three Committee draw up a proper agreement with the Tournament Committee.